CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	IMG_07384226.JPG
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	0901523.000
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	17 November 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The image is a contrived and exploitative depiction of a naked boy in his early teens. The image invites the viewer to regard boys as sexually available and desirable, and serves to legitimise a sexual interest in young persons.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.